

5th Annual Newfoundland Brain Tumour Walk

Paradise Walk brings community together to support anyone affected by a brain tumour

PARADISE, Newfoundland, June 18, 2018 – Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is excited to host a Brain Tumour Walk in Paradise on Saturday, June 23 in support of anyone affected by a brain tumour. This annual fundraiser brings hope to the estimated 55,000 Canadians living with a brain tumour and the dozens more who are diagnosed each day.

“Patients and families are the heart of Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada and we want them to know they are not alone. Together we walk to raise awareness about this often devastating disease and to let our community know we are to help,” says Susan Marshall, CEO.

With more than 120 types of tumours, they are complex and can be difficult to treat. Symptoms can range from hearing loss to hormonal problems. Brain tumours can also affect vision, memory, balance and mobility.

A young St. John’s woman suffered a sudden onset of seizures resulting in her brain tumour diagnosis last year. Kaylee Oliver, 21, could barely walk following her treatment last year, but was determined to complete the Brain Tumour Walk.

“I was a shy person afraid of putting myself out there to tell my story and encourage donations, but I did it, and I was flooded with support,” she says. “It doesn’t matter if you have a team of 50 or it’s just you walking, guaranteed you’ll make a friend and feel supported the entire way.”

Kaylee, who still has two rounds of chemotherapy to complete, will be at the walk to show her support to all those going through this disease.

Funds raised at the Newfoundland Walk will support Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada’s specialized resources, support programs and research grants. The Walk brings hope to the hundreds of participants like Oliver, who will gather this weekend in Paradise.

What: Newfoundland Brain Tumour Walk

When: Saturday, June 23 (9:45 a.m. Survivor Photo, 9:50 a.m. Opening Ceremony, 10 a.m. Walk Start)

Where: Rotary Paradise Centre, 1 Sarah Davis Way, Paradise

About the Brain Tumour Walk events

By fundraising as part of a Brain Tumour Walk, patients, survivors, family and friends join the nationwide movement to end brain tumours. For more than two decades, Brain Tumour Walk events have been the community event to bring together thousands of Canadians in tribute to and in memory of people affected by a brain tumour. **For more information about the 20+ Brain Tumour Walk events taking place across Canada in 2018, visit www.BrainTumourWalk.ca.**



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About Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada: Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is the only national charity offering information and support to patients affected by any kind of brain tumour – be it cancerous, non-malignant or metastases. The organization funds ground-breaking research across North America and, since 1982, has dedicated over \$6.2 million to finding a cure and improving treatment for brain tumour survivors. Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is funded solely through generous contributions from individuals, corporations, organizations, employee groups and special events. Learn more at Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada's website: www.BrainTumour.ca.

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